

Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy

Alberta unveils long-term strategy for livestock industry. Government acts as catalyst to major change. The provincial government unveiled a long-term strategy and investment of \$356 million to stabilize and strengthen Alberta's livestock industry.

For details of the strategy and implementation plan, go to:
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/com12203](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/com12203)

Funding for livestock producers

Eligible livestock producers will receive \$150 million in immediate funding. An additional \$150 million will be available once premise identification (and age verification in cattle - not applicable to the sheep industry) practices have been adopted and verified. Payments are based on 2006/7 inventory. **Sheep producers are included in the funding program.**

How does the funding work? Who is eligible? How do they apply?

Those who were eligible for AgriStability (formerly known as CAIS) for the 2006 program year or who applied for the original Alberta Farm Recovery Plan (AFRP), will be automatically enrolled in the program. They do not need to submit any further information.

Producers who did not participate in either program must complete an *AFRP II New Participant Application* and *2006 CAIS Supplementary Forms* prior to December 31, 2008. These are available at Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) offices and on the website at <http://www.AFSC.ca>

Producers inquiring about eligibility for funding should call Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) at 1-877-744-7900.

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